SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 623 By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Rotary Club of Alcoa on its Fiftieth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, founded in 1905, Rotary International, the oldest service-type club in the world, is one of this nation's finest groups.

WHEREAS, with more than 1.2 million business and professional executives serving in over 28,000 clubs in 155 countries, Rotary International undertakes community development programs, promotes high ethical standards in businesses and professions, and fosters international understanding, goodwill and peace; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary Rotary Club of Alcoa is one of the early post-World War II

Clubs in Rotary International; having been chartered on November 7, 1947, they recently

celebrated their fiftieth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Rotary Club of Alcoa fosters academic excellence, leadership development and community service through its "Student of the Month" recognition program, annual sponsorship of students in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference, recognition of the Alcoa High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian at each graduation, annual sponsorship of a student to Girl's State and provision of a \$500 college scholarship for a worthy Alcoa High School graduate; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Alcoa served as the lead donor in founding Youth

Leadership Blount, a countywide program designed to help young people develop the insights

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and leadership skills needed to address the diverse needs of their community, and annually sponsors the Alcoa High School student and faculty team for this fine program; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the club has honored numerous public servants for utilizing their vocational skills on behalf of the community by annually recognizing the Alcoa Police Officer, Fire Fighter, Special Education Teacher and Blount County Health Care Worker of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Alcoa actively supports Rotary International programs designed to foster international understanding, peace and goodwill through one hundred percent participation in the Paul Harris Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Alcoa exemplifies the finest traditions of the Volunteer State, contributing to the public good through annual support of the Blount County Special Olympics, the United Way of Caring and the Community Food Connection; and

WHEREAS, the club extended opportunities for professional development and the exercise of civic responsibility throughout the community by sponsoring the formation of the Rotary Club in Maryville on April 14, 1950; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, the Rotary Club of Alcoa has benefited from the unending dedication, immense talents and boundless humor of charter members E. C. "Brute" Crow, Historian and Song Leader, and Richard M. Lord, Newsletter Editor; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to honor this fine group on their Golden Anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL

ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the members of the Rotary Club of Alcoa on their Fiftieth Anniversary and wish them much continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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